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1. CHINA/JAPAN

UK FONSEC CROSLAND PLANS VISIT PRC, JAPAN FOR TALKS,
MAY 2-11, ACCORDING MFA ANNOUNCEMENT WEDNESDAY (REUTER, WP).

2. INDOCHINA

NEW CAMBODIAH GOVT LARGELY EXCLUDES SIHANOUK SUPPORTERS
(WSJ). KHIEU SAMPHAN TAKES OVER AS CHIEF OF STATE;
POSITION ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO PRESIDENT, BUT CONSTITUTION
VAGUE ON DEFINITION POLITICAL ROLES, POWERS (CSM).
ADB ARRANGES 10 MILLION DOLS AID FOR NAM NGUM POWER PLANT
IN LAOS TO COVER COST OVERRUNS. COUNTRIES THAT
CONTRIBUTED INCLUDE AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, CANADA, NETHERLANDS,
WGER INDIA, SWITZERLAND; RTG, UK ALSO SIGN AGREEMENT
(AP, WSJ).

3. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

VIET WOMAN WHO SENT HER 7 CHILDREN OUT DURING OPERATION
BABYLIFT, LATER ESCAPED ON FISHING BOAT, REGAINED
CUSTODY 4, ATTEMPTING GET 5T; BACK BUT IOWA SUPREME
COURT RULED CHILD MUST STAY IN TEMPORARY C;STODY
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COUPLE THAT WANTS ADOPT HIM. MOTHER IDENTIFIED SON
FROM FAMILY PIX. OF OTHER 2 CHILDREN, 1 IN FRANCE,
1 STILL MISSING (NYT).

4. THAILAND

DEP CMDR SPECIAL NE POLICE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH SMUGGLING RING THAT BOUGHT DUTY-FREE STOCKS FROM PXS AS US FORCES LEFT (AFP, WP).

5. PHILIPPINES

GOP WANTS AID-FOR-BASES DEAL LIKE THOSE PROMISED TURKEY, SPAIN, ACCORDING ROMULO (CSM; AP, WP).

PAL HIJACKING ENDS AS GUNMEN TURN SELVES IN TO LIBYAN AUTHORITIES. PLANE, CREW, HOSTAGES, FLY TO ROME ON WAY HOME (UPI, NYT, AP, CHITRIB). PAL PRES SAYS HIJACKERS BLUFFING WHEN THREATENED BLOW UP PLANE, SINCE HAD ONLY PISTOLS AFTER SURRENDERING GRENADES AT BANGKOK (NYT). PHIL POLICE SAY HIJACK LEADER IS ESCAPED KILLER; SOURCES SAY SON OF AMCIT (AP, CHITRIB). GOP SAYS RETAINS RIGHT CANCEL OIG SUGAR PACTS WITH 2 US REFINERS IF PRICES FALL BELOW CERTAIN (UNDISCLOSED) GUARANTEED PRICE (WSJ).

6. INDONESIA

PERTAMINA GIVES CALTEX, STANVAC UNTIL TODAY ACCEPT/ REJECT GOVT DECISION C;T PROFITS BY HALF, WITH DIFFERENCE GOING TO INDONESIA (NYT). GOI STEPS UP CAMPAIGN INCREASE OIL REVENUE RETROACTIVE TO JAN 1; NEW DEMA'DS WOULD INCREASE INDO "TAKE, BY 1 DOL PER 00L. AFTER SLUMPIHG IN 1974-5, PRODUCTION BEGAN CLIMBING, IS NOW NEAR FORMER PEAK (WSJ). WHAT BELIEVED ONE UORLD'S LARGEST SALES COMMERCIAL DREDGING EQUIPMENT COMPLETED IN BALTIMORE AS INDO AMB ACCEPTS DELIVERY 1ST OF 3 SYSTEMS THAT GOI WILL USE DEVELOP, MAINTAIN SHIPPING LANES (SUN).

7. AUSTRALIA

WILLS (CSM) NOTES GOA SETS OUT TAP RESOURCES: RENEWS INVITATION O'SEAS CAPITAL DEVELOP IRON, URANIUM, BAUXITE, COAL, RUTILE, NATL GAS, OTHER RESOURCES; PUT INSISTS ON 50 PCT EQUITY, CONTROL "WHEREVER POSSIBLE., QUOTES FRASER THAT EAGER CHANGE CLIMATE THAT EXISTED UNDER PREVIOUS GOVT. BELIEVES INFLATION RATE, UNION UNREST COULD PREVENT CAPITAL INFLOW. NOTES REVIVAL BUSINESS CONFIDENCE ON SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE. REVIEWS UNCLASSIFIED

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REASONS AUSSIE ECON FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT.

8. JAPAN

MFA WEDNESDAY VOICED "REGRET, AT 'UNILATERAL, US ACTION EXTEND FISHERY ZONE TO 200 MILES; SAID MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT LOS NEGOTIATYONS (AP, WP).

JCP WEDNESDAY RELEASED P'RPORTED LIST NAMES 196 PAST, PRESENT CIA AGENTS IN JAPAN, INCLUDING 93 STILL THERE (WP; REUTER, TOKYO).

UNDER TUESDAY CONSENT DEGREE, LOCKHEED EXPECTED FILE SPECIAL REVIEW CMTE REPORT ON ILLEGAL PAYMENTS APROAD "IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS," WITH SEC, US COURT. MUST ALSO MAIL STATEMENT TO STOCKHOLDERS (ROSENPLATT, LAT 4/14; PIKE, WSTAR 4/14; AP, CSM).

MOF SAID WED;ESDAY JFY TRADE DEFICIT NARROWED TO 1.22 BILLION DOLS, FROM 4.22 BILLION DOLS YEAR BEFORE. EXPORTS DOWN 2.4 PCT, TO 56.99 BILLION DOLS; IMPORTS DOWN 7.1 PCT, TO 58.21 BILLION DOLS. FIRST DECLINE IMPORTS, EXPORTS IN 17 YEARS (WP). CERTIFIED EXPORTS MARCH SET MONTHLY RECORD, 6.3 BILLION DOLS; RAISED TOTAL EXPORTS PAST 12 MONTHS TO 60.3 BILLION DOLS. MITI SOURCE SAID DUE MOSTLY 26-PCT EXPANSION EXPORTS TO ADVANCED COUNTRIES (JOC, TOKYO). CULLISON (JOC) CITES EPA OFFICIAL HO TOLD PRESS WEDNESDAY JAPANESE PRODUCTIVITY LIKELY DECLINE FROM PEAK TO WHICH CLIMBED DURING 17-YR PERIOD HIGH GROWTH. KYODO REPORTS TOYOTA DEVELOPED OWN COMMERCIALLY-FEASIBLE ROTARY ENGINE. MAY INSTALL ON EXPORT MODEL, "POSSIBLY NEXT YEAR" (WP).

9. KOREA

SECSTATE TOLD SAC SUB-CMTE WED US WOULD COMPLETE JOINT US-ROK MIL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. ASKED CONGRESS APPROVE FINAL 283 MILLION DOL ARMS AID REQUEST. SAID ADMIN EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ALLEGED ROKG REPRESSION. ADDED ROK INTERNAL POLICIES MUST BE WEIGHED AGAINST US SECURITY INTERESTS IN SK AND EA. STATED HALT SECURITY AID WOULD BE -EXTREME MEASURE" THAT COULD HARM US OBJECTIVES WITHOUT BRINGING ABOUT DESIRED CHANGE (REUTER, WASHINGTON).

8. CHINA

NEW US ENVOY TO PEKING, THOMAS GATES, SWORN IN, GTVEN UNCLASSIFIED

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AMBASSADORIAL RANK (WSJ; NYT) AT EXCEPTIONAL SEND-OFF, ELAPORATE CEREMONY BY PRES FORD THAT INDICATES IMPORTANCE ADMIN ASSIGNS TO STEADY RELS WITH PRC. PRES SAID PROCESS NORMALIZATION RELS NOW UNDER WAY, CHINA POLICY INCREASINGLY SUBTLE, MORE COMPLEX. CEREMONY INCLUDED VP, SECSTATE, SECDEF, US AMB TO UN, CIA'S BUSH; WAS ELABORATE FORM DIP SIGNALING T;AT US WANTS MAINTAIN RELATIONS;IP DESPITE CHANGES IN PEKING, THOUGH NO ONE IN WASHINGTON FULLY CONFIDENT LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS PRC INTERNAL TURMOIL (TREWITT, SUN). WP, SUN FRONT-PAGE AP PIC TAKEN AT CEREMONY. NYT FRONT-PAGES OWN PIC. BEFORE SAC SUBCMTE, SECSTATE, INTER ALIA, IN REPLY TO QUERY SAID QUESTION MIL AID TO PRC HAD COME 'P IN DISCUSSIONS ONLY ON CONTINGENCY BASIS IN CASE WORSENING TENSION BETWEEN PEKING, MOSCOW (GWERTZMAN, NYT). SEVEN-MAN DEL FROM HASC LEAVES TODAY ON 10-DAY TRIP TO CHINA (PHINQ). USSR'S KOSYGIN SENDS CONGRATULATORY CABLE TO HUA, THAT STATES MOSCO' PREPARED NORMALIZE RELS (AP SUN, NYT). OFFER NORMALIZE TENSE RELS SIMILAR TO THAT MADE AT 25TH CONGRESS SOVIET CP IN FEB BY BREZHNEV (AP, SUN).

CAMPAIGN AGAINST TENG REACHES REMOTE AREA SW CHINA
ON MEKODG, WHERE POSTERS, CARTOONS ASSAIL FORMER DEP
PM (REUTER, NYT).

INDIA ANNOUNCES SENDING FIRST AMB IN OVER 10 YRS TO
PEKING. SIGNAL IS FIRST MAJOR SIGN THAW IN SINO-INDIAN
RELS SINCE 1962; ALSO FIRST FOREIGN POLICY MOVE PY
HUA, INDICATING HE MAY CONTINUE OUTGOING FOREIGN POLICY
OF CHOU (REUTER PEKING).

UN STUDY DEPLORES DWINDLING FERTILE AREAS IN POOR LANDS
DUE DEFORESTATION, OVERGRAZING, CULTIVATING MARGINAL
ARID AREAS, INCREASED EROSION, INADEQUATE DRAINAGE OF
IRRIGATED AREAS. AUTHOR CITES MODERN CHINA AS
EXAMPLE OF RECOVERY THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED; NOTING
SURPLUS MANPOWER MOBILIZED FOR CONSERVATION EFFORTS,
WIDE AREAS REFORESTED (ROBBINS, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. JAPAN

HALLORAN (NYT) NOTES 8-7 SUPREME COURT DECISION
WEDNESDAY HELD PRESENT ELECTORAL DISTRICTS
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UNCONSTITUTIONAL, BECAUSE FAIL PROVIDE EQUAL
REPRESENTATION. DID NOT PRESCRIBE MAL-APPORTIONMENT
REMEDY. SAYS SOME OBSERVERS FEEL DECISION MAY FURTHER
WEAKEN LDP, WHOSE STRENGTH CENTERED IN OVER-REPRESENTED
RURAL DISTRICTS.

HALLORAN (4/14) ALSO REVIEWS FIFTH ,N SERIES OF NY-
TOKYO COLLOQUIA, HELD TOKYO LAST WEEK. URBAN GIANTS
HAVE MUCH IN COMMON, BUT NYC PARTICIPANTS STARTLED
FIND TV VIOLENCE DOES NOT SEEM HAVE SAME IMPACT ON
BEHAVIOR IN JAPAN AS AT HOME.

SEIDEN (SUN) CITES LDP THREAT WEDNESDAY TO SUE JCP,
OVER AKAHATA ALLEGATION LAST WEEK THAT 28 LDP DIETMEN
"SUSPECTED; OF TAKING LOCKHEED BRIBES. NOTES LDP
SYG NAKASONE DENOUNCED "PATENT CONCOCTION" BASED ON
HEARSAY AS "DASTARDLY ACT OF POLITICAL ASSASSINATION".
POINTS OUT FOUR-PG AKAHATA SPREAD CARRIED FINE-PRINT
DISCLAIMER ,MAY BE SOME INCLUDED" WHO "TOTALLY
INNOCENT", BUT IF ARE, HAVE -GREAT RESPONSIBILITY"
PRODUCE EVIDENCE PROVE INNOCENCE.

SUN STAFFER TAKAYAMA, IN TOKYO, PROFILES AVANT-GARDE
NOVELIST KOBO ABE, WHOSE KAFKA-ESQUE WORKS DELINEATE
THE DESPAIRS AND HOPES OF MODERN JAPANESE.

JANEWAY (WSTAR 4/14) TELLS HOJAPAN MOVING FIND OWN
SOLUTION TO OIL PROBLEM. WORKED OUT OIL DEAL WITH
PRC, SCORED BREAKTHROUGH INDONESIA. NOW
ENGINEERING COUP IN US BACKYARD -- VENEZUELA --
TO TAKE SURPLUS IRON ORE NORMALLY SOLD US, IF ALSO
ALLOWED BUY SOME DISTRESS OIL.

JAMESON (LAT 4/11) BELIEVES "ALL-PERVASIVE SUSPICION"
GROWING OUT OF LOCKHEED SCANDAL, INTER ALIA, HAS
"POTENTIAL" DAMAGE US-JAPAN RELATIONS. GUILT-BY-

ASSOCIATION, PUBLIC OUTRAGE FIRED BY FRUSTRATION AT LACK EVIDENCE, SWEEPING DENIALS BY ALL CONCERNED. MUCH CRITICISM DIRECTED AT US, NOT OVER MNC BEHAVIOR, BUT BECAUSE INSISTS ON SECRECY FOR PROBE DATA, THUS CREATING DANGER US MAY BE SEEN AS CO-CONSPIRATOR WITH GOJ IN COVER-UP. FAILURE CLEAR UP CHARGES ALSO CREATES FERTILE GROUND FOR ANY ALLEGATION OF UNDER-TABLE US DEALING, AND CIA PAYOFFS. CONCLUDES DISCLOSURE FACTS ONLY COURSE FOR US, JAPAN HEAD OFF POTENTIAL DANGERS.

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SIMONS (WP) LOOKS OVER NEW CAMBODIAN GOVT, SEES SEVERAL UNKNOWNNS. NOTES KHIEU SAMPHAN IS CHAIRMAN STATE PRESIDUM, MEANING THAT BODY MAY HAVE SOME POWER; OBSCURE TOL SAT IS PREMIER. QUOTES CAMPODIA-WATCHER OPINES DISTRIBUTION POWER BETWEEN PRESIDUM, GOVT INDICATES NO SINGLE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS PARAMOUNT POSITION BUT LACK INFO MAKES JOB FIGURING OUT WHO'S WHO DIFFICULT, CONFUSING. SAYS RECENT REFERENCES BY PP RADIO TO CLASHES ALONG KHMER-VIET BORDER INDICATE CAMBODIAN LEADERS BASICALLY HATIONALISTS; DISCOUNTS PREVIOUS OPINIONS IENG SARY CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH NVN. STATES SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE PRESIDUM, GOVT INTENDED BALANCE EACH OTHER ALONG LINES KHIEU SAMPHAN'S WISHES. NYT SPECIAL SAYS NEW CONSOLIDATES POWER BY COMMUNISTS, MAY REVEAL ,REAL" RULERS. NOTES FORMER GRUNK PREMIER PEEN NOUTH NAMED "HIGH COUNSELOR," WHILE IENG SARY IS IN CHARGE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SON SEN HEADS DEFENSE. NYT SEES OTHER, LITTLE-KNOWN FIGURES EMERGING IN PRESIDUM, CABINET, ECON CMTEs SET UP IN PM'S OFFICE.

11. CHINA

CDN'S BEECH, IN HK, REMINDS THAT NO MATTER WHO WINS PRC POWER STRUGGLE, "MODERATES" OR "RADICALS", ALL ARE COMMUNISTS, AND CHINA WILL REMAIN TOTALITARIAN SOCIETY, ALIEN IN ALMOST EVERY RESPECT TO WHAT WEST STANDS FOR. SAFIRE (NYT) BOASTS OF HAVING BEEN FIRST TO NAME HUA KUO-FENG AS POTENTIAL PREMIER, WITH AID OF XWXX W8 D EXPERIENCED CHINA-WATCHER COLLEAGUE, JOE LELYVELD. FRIENDS AT DOS, CIA ,SNICKERED,, BUT LOOK WHO IS LAUGHING NOW. ALSO PARAPHRASES DEGA'LE -- CHINA CANNOT BE COMMUNIST WITHOUT T'RMOIL, AND MAO HAS C;OSEN FRESH VILLAIN, TENG, NAMED NEW HEIR, HUA, TO KEEP POT BUBBLING.

ACCORDING S'N'S TREWHITT NO ONE IN WASHINGTON CONFIDENT ABOUT LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS CHINA'S INNER TURMOIL. ONLY CERTAIN THAT TENG HAS YIELDED, FOR MOMENT, TO 'RADICAL PURISTS" AT DIRECTION OF MAO, BUT HUA NOT REGARDED ESPECIALLY AS RADICAL, AND MAY BE COMPROMISE SUCCESSOR TO TENG, WITH FINAL CHANGES STILL TO BE DECIDED.

12. KOREA

AP'S BERGER, IN TOKYO, REVIEWS ANGRY SK REACTION,
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COUNTER-ATTACKS IN SEOUL PRESS AGAINST 'TWO
SHOCKING INCIDENTS' -- WP EDIT THAT CRITICIZED
PRES PARK AS SK'S 'MOST DANGEROUS MAN', AND REP
FRASER SFRC TESTIMONY APR 8, FAVORING GRADUAL
WITHDRAWAL US FORCES (WP).
IN LETTER WP, EX-FULLBRIGHTER DOUGLAS REED, "ONE
OF FORTUNATE FEW' STILL ABLE SEE KIM DAE JUNG LAST
YEAR, AS HIS ENGLISH TUTOR, SAYS VISA CANCELLED,
GIVEN "NOTICE TO EXIT" COUNTRY LAST SEPTEMBER.
DEPLORES PARK REPRESSIVE POLICIES. URGES DOS COME
FORWARD WITH 'MORAL' FOPOLICY, INFORM TAXPAYERS
FORTHRIGHTLY OF KIND OF GOVTS US PROPPING UP AROUND
WORLD. ROBINSON

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